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KORY COOL before pivotal game

Saskatchewan Roughriders running back Kory Sheets bundles up at practice Thursday afternoon at Mosaic Stadium. On Saturday, the Riders (8-7) will look to lock up a playoff spot with a win over the Montreal Alouettes (9-6). Kickoff is at 1:30 p.m. at Mosaic Stadium. For a look at the Riders' tough road ahead and other news from around the CFL, see page 22. JEFF MACKEY/METRO

Overheated spool caused mine fire, investigators say

PotashCorp. Blaze that trapped 20 workers underground believed to be result of wooden cable spool being dragged through mine

PotashCorp electrician Darwyn Wirth of Churchbridge, Sask., left, and mine rescue supervisor Courtney Ryan of Tantallon, Sask., speak to the media on Sept. 25. Twenty workers were temporarily trapped underground by a fire in the Rocanville potash mine. DAVID LIPNOWSKI/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Investigators believe they have confirmed the cause of a potash mine fire that forced 20 workers to hole up underground for the better part of a day.

No one was hurt when the blaze erupted at PotashCorp's mine near Rocanville last month, about 245 kilometres east of Regina.

But it was 18 hours before the workers could leave refuge stations and safely return to the surface.

Damage was minimal.

The Saskatoon-based company says a wooden cable spool overheated as it was dragged through the mine.

Spokesman Bill Cooper says the company is deciding whether to switch to steel spools or change how they're transported through the mines.

"We believe the cause of fire was friction between a skid plate carrying the cable reel and the ground," Cooper said. "They get dragged from the mine entrance to where they're stored, which is about 16 kilometres underground, and it eventually caught fire."

A final report will be submitted to Saskatchewan's Mine Safety Unit. Cooper says believes that will be the end of it, since all safety procedures were followed.

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A long wait

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The workers were forced to stay underground for 18 hours after the blaze erupted before they could safely return to the surface.

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Poll puts Atchison and Wolf in a tight race for mayor

Insightrix Research.
Mayor ahead with 38 per cent of polled voters

JANE CAULFIELD
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An independent online poll, released yesterday and conducted by Insightrix Research, puts incumbent Don Atchison and Tom Wolf in a tight race.

According to the poll, 38 per cent of respondents who plan on voting will be voting for Atchison, while 32 per cent are voting for challenger Tom Wolf. Only one per cent are planning to vote for Clay Mazurkewich.

We at Metro decided to check in with both candidates and see how they are feeling about the campaign thus far.

For more information about the poll numbers, log on to metronews.ca

Incumbent

Don Atchison

Mayor Don Atchison said he and has his team have been working very hard but there is still quite a lot to do.

He spoke very highly of the team he has working for him, saying that he is thrilled to have so many people volunteering their time.

"It's amazing," said Atchison, "(people) walk in and say 'I want to help'. It's so gratifying to see that."

Atchison said that the long days campaigning are similar to the daily life of being the mayor of Saskatoon, adding that he enjoys it and takes pride in the work he does.

JANE CAULFIELD/METRO

Challenger

Tom Wolf

Tom Wolf said the campaign is picking up momentum and he, and his team, are very excited about things.

Echoing his opponent, Wolf said he has been amazed by the ability of those who choose to volunteer and offer their time to help.

"It's a good feeling," said Wolf. "It brings out the best in people. It's energizing."

Wolf said while the schedule has been exhausting he can see why people enjoy campaigning and has been having a lot of fun interacting with the people of Saskatoon.

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Incumbent Don Atchison JANE CAULFIELD/METRO

Challenger Tom Wolf JANE CAULFIELD/METRO

Police chief takes questions via Twitter

Chief Clive Weighill of the Saskatoon Police Service scours Twitter to connect with the public at police headquarters on Thursday. JANE CAULFIELD/METRO

A few months ago Keslie Fraser, social media specialist with the Saskatoon Police Service, noticed that she was getting a lot of traffic-related questions. So, in an effort to provide quality service she, and two other members of the SPS, hosted the first-ever SPS Twitter chat.

And now, nearly three months later, Twitter chats using the #AskSPS hashtag are becoming a regular event.

"We will make it a monthly thing," said Fraser. "Being on social media cultivates a more modern police organization."

Yesterday, Police Chief Weighill, along with Fraser, hosted the SPS's third Twitter chat, spending an hour answering questions that covered a variety of topics — from traffic to recruitment.

Fraser said Weighill really enjoyed the experience, especially because he had time to respond to the people of Saskatoon directly.

She added that since she has started as the force's social media specialist, she has noticed that more people are feeling more comfortable asking general policing questions on Twitter. "It really breaks down a communication barrier."

Fraser said there is no set plan for how the chats will be structured but traffic-related discussions will be a regular topic. You can follow the SPS on Twitter @SaskatoonPolice.

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@SaskatoonPolice

- **@Sandstorm273.** So, how much is the aircraft actually used here? Is it typically on standby, does it have its own schedule, etc.#askSPS
- **@SaskatoonPolice.** @SandStorm273 It has its own schedule. Approx 32 hrs/wk. Check out our website for the log.
- **@MacPhersonA.** I'm curious: how do you think social media extends the SPS's reach & ability to fulfill its mandates? #askSPS

Air Canada

Routes added in Western Canada

Air Canada says it's boosting capacity on routes in Western Canada this fall and winter to meet increased seasonal demand from Saskatoon, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and other cities in the region. Capacity on the Edmonton-Regina, Edmonton-Saskatoon and Calgary-Yellowknife routes will be doubled to 100 daily seats. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Campground visits

Parks may see record year

It could be another record year for attendance at Saskatchewan's provincial parks. The province estimates visits will reach 3.56 million by the end of the season, up 5.7 per cent from the last year. More than 60,000 campsite reservations were booked online, double that of 2011. The province has committed an additional $10 million for upgrades. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fast food

Toronto chicken may come to Sask.

Saskatchewan may be welcoming 50 locations of a Toronto-based fried-chicken chain if the company's president achieves his goal of bringing Mary Brown's Famous Chicken & Taters to the Prairies. Nigel Beattie announced his mission Wednesday in Winnipeg. The company already has more than 90 locations, and is now looking for new franchisees. METRO

Sask. labour

NDP report advises on labour changes

The NDP Opposition is accusing the Saskatchewan government of moving too quickly to overhaul labour laws.

Labour critic David Forbes says the government only allowed 90 days for talks, but is spending twice as long reviewing a system for cattle branding.

The New Democrats have released a report with 14 recommendations that include continued mandatory collection of union dues.

Workplace and employment relationships in Saskatchewan are currently governed by 15 separate acts.

The government has said most of the acts have not been comprehensively reviewed in at least 20 years and it's time for an update.

Forbes says many people told him that modernizing the laws can be a good thing, but they fear putting 15 pieces of legislation together in an omnibus bill.

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Ontario judge faces discipline for impatience

Poor judgment.
Thirty-three charges thrown out after prosecutor was late

An Ontario judge who threw out several court cases because he got tired of waiting for a prosecutor to show up has been ordered to appear before a disciplinary panel.

The Ontario Judicial Council says the hearing scheduled for Nov. 26 will address three complaints filed against Justice Howard Chisvin for judicial misconduct.

On July 21, 2011, Chisvin dismissed at least 33 criminal charges against 10 people in a Newmarket court north of Toronto, who were up before him in court to enter pleas or be sentenced.

Chisvin made the call after proceedings resumed following a 20-minute break, finding that the Crown attorney was absent.

He sent word to the prosecutor that if he did not show up within a minute, all remaining cases waiting to be heard that day would be dismissed.

When the Crown did not arrive two minutes later, the trial judge threw out all the cases for want of prosecution.

After eight minutes, the lawyer returned, apologized and explained that he was late because he was reading a presentencing report.

Last March, a three-justice panel with the Ontario Court of Appeal called Chisvin's actions "illegal" and "an abuse of judicial authority."

The panel also said Chisvin had no power to make the order. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Punishment

If Chisvin is found guilty, he could face a variety of penalties that include being:

- Given a warning
- Ordered to take educational classes
- Suspended with or without pay

Refuge for many

Eritrean asylum seekers, one holding an enlargement of a working permit, protest in Tel Aviv, Israel, on Thursday. The migrants rallied against racism and Israel's intention to detain and deport them.
ARIEL SCHALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Prisoner rights

Mother of prison baby out on bail

One day after protesters called for her release, a woman who gave birth on the floor of an Ottawa jail cell is out from behind bars.

Julie Bilotta, 26, has been granted bail and released from the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre.

Advocates for imprisoned women's rights demonstrated Wednesday, demanding an inquiry into Bilotta's treatment.

The Cornwall, Ont., woman birthed a boy Sept. 29 in a segregation cell without the help of a doctor after Bilotta said she screamed for hours. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Terror at home

Minnesotan convicted for recruiting terrorists

A Minneapolis man has been convicted of helping send young men to Somalia to join the al-Qaida-linked terrorist group al-Shabab.

The federal jury on Thursday convicted 46-year-old Mahamud Said Omar on all five counts he faced. He could be sentenced to up to life in prison.

Omar was the first to stand trial in the government's investigation into what it says was the recruiting of more than 20 men. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russian opposition member accused in riot plot

Russia's top investigative agency filed criminal charges Thursday against an opposition leader's assistant, continuing a widespread crackdown on the movement against President Vladimir Putin.

The Investigative Committee said in a statement that Left Front member Konstantin Lebedev has been charged with plotting mass riots and could face a jail term of up to 10 years.

Investigators said 33-year-old Lebedev, who has been in custody since Wednesday, denied the charges and has refused to give evidence. A court sanctioned his arrest Thursday.

On Wednesday, officials interrogated Lebedev's boss, Sergei Udaltsov, who is also a suspect, and searched his home before releasing him on the condition that he not leave Moscow.

Investigators are relying on hidden camera footage aired earlier this month by a Kremlin-friendly TV channel. The documentary claimed that Udaltsov met with officials from the neighbouring nation of Georgia to raise money, partly from disgraced banker Andrei Borodin, to overthrow Putin's government by sending communists and neo-fascists to seize the Kremlin as well as several Russian cities.

Investigators said that Udaltsov, Lebedev and another leftist activist who remained at large, Leonid Razvozhayev, are suspected of planning to stage mass riots involving the use of firearms, ransacking and arson in Moscow, Kaliningrad, Vladivostok and other cities.

Udaltsov, a shaven-headed communist firebrand who wore a Joseph Stalin T-shirt to his own wedding, has called the documentary "filth" and said the charges are revenge for his political activity. He insisted that the TV footage, in which the figure purported to be him is nearly always out of focus, was doctored.

Both Udaltsov and Givi Targamadze, the senior Georgian lawmaker that Russian officials say is behind the plot, deny ever meeting each other.

"I think that one thing is really evident: The goal to arrest Udaltsov was set, and in order to achieve it this film or program was fabricated," Targamadze, who heads the Georgian parliament's defence and security committee, told The Associated Press on Thursday in the Georgian capital, Tbilisi.

Russian investigators said they had carefully studied the footage and concluded it was genuine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leftist activist Konstantin Lebedev sits in a defender's cage during a trial in Moscow on Thursday. IVAN SEKRETAREV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Omnibus budget changes. Big bill tables widespread revisions and reductions

The latest omnibus budget bill from the Harper government makes changes to everything from the Indian Act and the Canadian Labour Code to the Canada Shipping Act.

The bill kills off independent tribunals that examined things such as hazardous materials in the workplace and set the rates for employment insurance premiums, while making workers pay taxes on their employers' contributions to group health and accident insurance plans.

It also sharply reduces project approvals required under the Navigable Waters Protection Act, sets time limits on worker complaints under the Canada Labour Code and makes additional changes to an Environmental Assessment Act that was essentially rewritten by the Conservative government last spring.

It lays out a whole new act for the building of a new bridge from Windsor, Ont., to Detroit, while exempting the project from "a number of federal laws under which permits, approvals or authorizations would normally be required."

The bill — the second of two massive implementation acts based on the March federal budget — contains no surprises, said Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, who angrily accused the opposition of being too lazy to read last spring's federal spending blueprint.

"What's in the bill today is in the budget," Flaherty snapped in the House of Commons.

"If you haven't read the budget, I say to my honourable friends on the other side, I don't know what you did all summer.... Do your work. Do your job."

Critics suggest the devil is always in the details — and at 457 pages, the omnibus legislation includes a lot of them. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Opposition

In response to Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's comments, citing the words of a young Stephen Harper, opposition MPs responded that the sprawling omnibus bill is exactly what's preventing them from doing their job — examining proposed legislation in detail and depth.

Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty speaks during question period in the House of Commons in Ottawa, Thursday. The minister's contentious omnibus budget bill is the focus of intense criticism from the opposition. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Calgary couple who survived Costa Concordia wreck 'hope for justice'

Finding peace after trauma. Passenger who opted to swim for safety rather than abandon her husband awaits results of inquiry

JEREMY NOLAIS
Metro in Calgary

Survival was only the beginning.

That's the working title of a book Andrea Davis is penning about her ordeal aboard the ill-fated Costa Concordia cruise ship, and the subsequent struggle upon returning home to Calgary.

Davis and her husband, Laurence, had only just ordered a bottle of wine at a dining hall aboard the massive vessel when it smashed into rocks off the Tuscan Island of Giglio on Jan. 13.

With water pouring into the ship, Davis refused to separate from her husband and take one remaining seat aboard a lifeboat. Instead, the couple swam for shore together, spending more than 20 minutes in frigid water.

Back at home, Davis was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.

In July, the couple returned to the island for the first time since the wreck to view the ship, still overturned at sea, and meet with some of the locals, who embraced them with open arms.

"I knew that this was a medical prescription for me, something I needed to do ... to walk across the rocks, to see the path that we had climbed through on that dark and scary night, to see how far we were from land, to see the sunken ship and this horrific, rested memorial of our trauma," she said.

The family has been watching closely as an inquiry into the Concordia wreck and the actions of Capt. Francesco Schettino, who could stand trial for multiple counts of manslaughter and abandoning ship, got underway this week.

"We hope for justice ... everyone in this world deserves justice," Davis said.

Thirty-two people died in the Costa Concordia tragedy.

Andrea Davis plants a kiss on her grandson after arriving at Calgary International Airport in January, days after surviving the Costa Concordia shipwreck. METRO FILE

In it together

"They had one spot (on the lifeboat) and they asked Andrea if she wanted to come in, and we looked at each other and decided we're in this together. 'There's no way we're separating.'"

Costa Concordia shipwreck survivor Laurence Davis
After about a 20-minute swim in frigid water, Davis and his wife, Andrea, made it to shore with minor scrapes.

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Britain looking for spy kids

Apprentice 007s.
British program open to bright 18-year-olds who will undergo technical training and work placements

How's this for a job title — secret agent's apprentice.

The British government is recruiting teenage apprentice spies and codebreakers without university degrees in a bid to deepen the talent pool of its intelligence services for the era of cyberterorrism and cyberwarfare.

Foreign Secretary William Hague announced the program Thursday in a speech at Bletchley Park, Britain's Second World War code-breaking headquarters.

"Young people are the key to our country's future success, just as they were during the war," Hague said.

"It will be the young innovators of this generation who will help keep our country safe in years to come against threats which are every bit as serious as some of those confronted in the Second World War."

The Foreign Office said the apprenticeship program aims to find up to 100 new recruits for GCHQ — Britain's electronic surveillance agency — and the MI5 and MI6 and intelligence services. The idea is to expand recruitment of spies beyond the traditional method of a discreet "tap on the shoulder" at university.

The program will be open to bright 18-year-olds with backgrounds in science, technology, engineering and even computer gaming. They will undergo a two-year course of university classes, technical training and work placements before starting full-time jobs.

High-school students will also be invited to take part in a "national cipher challenge" competition intended to inspire pupils to consider careers in mathematics and cybersecurity.

The Foreign Office said the goal was to "harness the expertise of its young people, who have grown up with a world of social media, global connectivity and interactive gaming, to make sure we can tackle the threats and challenges of the 21st century."

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This 2009 file photo shows Mike Hillyard, one of the volunteers who rebuilt a replica of the Turing Bombe machine that played a crucial part in cracking the Nazi Enigma Code, standing by the machine at Bletchley Park in Milton Keynes, England. The British government is recruiting apprentice spies and codebreakers without university degrees in a bid to deepen the talent pool of its intelligence services. AKIRA SUEMORI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Anti-marijuana ad racist and inaccurate, Williams says

Montel Williams supports legalizing medical marijuana.
DANNY JOHNSTON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Talk show host Montel Williams accused an ad against legalizing medical marijuana of resorting to "racism" after the commercial depicted an African American drug dealer.

Williams, an outspoken supporter of medical marijuana, appeared Thursday at the state capitol alongside members of Arkansans for Compassionate Care, which is campaigning for Arkansas' legalization measure on the Nov. 6 ballot. He criticized an ad aired by a coalition of conservative groups that opposes the proposal.

"Offensive is really an understatement. It's the most egregiously racist, false statement you've ever seen in your life," Williams said. "They've (got) people sitting in a picture holding guns, talking about medical marijuana, and of course they happen to be of different colours to make sure you're as irritated and angry as you can be."

Jerry Cox, the president of the Arkansas Family Council and a member of the coalition, denied that the ad was aimed at stoking any kind of racial animus and defended the spot as accurate. Cox noted that the ad also features white actors portraying marijuana users.

"Sure, he wanted to seize on that, but that's not the message we're sending," Cox said. "We're sending a message that this harmful act is going to affect every family in this state if it passes."

If passed, the Arkansas measure would allow patients with qualifying conditions to buy marijuana from nonprofit dispensaries with a doctor's recommendation. If approved, Arkansas would become the first Southern state to legalize medical marijuana.

Under the proposal, qualifying health conditions would include cancer, glaucoma, HIV, AIDS and Alzheimer's disease. The proposal also would allow qualifying patients or a designated caregiver to grow marijuana if the patient lives more than five miles from a dispensary.

Past efforts to put medical marijuana on the ballot in Arkansas have faltered, though voters in two cities in the state have approved referendums that encourage police to regard arrests for small amounts of marijuana as a low priority.

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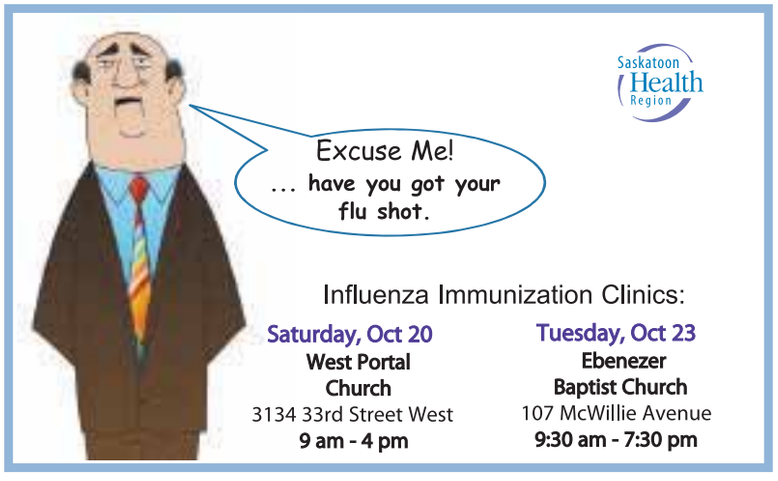
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Fear not mama, we're just trying to help

Baby elephant rescue. Kenyan national park video goes viral — with good reason

In this Oct. 8 video image, Vicki Fishlock of the Amboseli Trust for Elephants is seen in the rear-view mirror as a mother elephant stands by her baby who is stuck in a hole at Kenya's Amboseli National Park. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

How do you pull a baby elephant out of a deep, muddy hole? A rope and a Land Rover. Then the payoff: A frantic baby elephant sprint to mom.

A heartwarming video of the rescue of a baby elephant in a Kenyan national park gained a mass of viewers on Thursday. The video shows the rescuers' potentially dangerous faceoff with the mother elephant and their struggle to get her calf out of a 1.5-metre hole.

Vicki Fishlock of the Amboseli Trust for Elephants faced down the mother with her Land Rover, and made a high-pitched aye-aye-aye call to drive the mother off. Thirty muddy minutes later, after two men struggled to get a rope around the eight-month-old calf, Fishlock put her SUV in reverse and pulled the animal out.

The uplifting conclusion to the rescue video shows the baby sprinting to re-unite with its family. Despite the confrontation Fishlock thinks the mother elephant understood in the end that humans were only trying to help. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

See for yourself

Visit metronews.ca to watch the video of the rescue.

Getting their feet wet as political activists

Jacquie Ayala, left, and Amanda Lawrence stand in a flooded street as they call on U.S. presidential candidates to talk about their plans to fight climate change on Thursday in Miami Beach, Fla. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

Havana. Amidst poor-health rumours, Cuba publishes letters from Fidel Castro

Cuban news media on Thursday published the first new writing in months from retired Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

The letter, which was dated Wednesday, comes in the wake of rumours that prompted relatives in both Cuba and Miami to deny that the health of the 86-year-old ex-president was critical.

Castro has not been seen in public since video images showed him greeting a visiting Pope Benedict XVI in late March, and the last of his essays known as Reflections was published June 19.

In the letter published by the Communist Party daily Granma, Castro congratulated students of a Cuban medical institute on its 50th anniversary and recalled how just days after it opened in 1962, it was converted into an anti-aircraft installation during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Castro, whose revolution seized power in Cuba in 1959, left office in 2006 due to a life-threatening intestinal condition. His younger brother Raul now serves as president.

But even in retirement and largely out of sight, he continues to cast a long shadow.

Castro's Reflections, essays and ruminations on everything from international current affairs to the remarkable flexibility of yoga masters, are printed in all state-run newspapers and read word-for-word at the top of news broadcasts.

His four-month public silence is not unprecedented, but the rumour mill picked up steam last week after he did not publicly congratulate close ally Hugo Chavez on winning a hard-fought re-election campaign in Venezuela.

Late last week, Castro's son and sister both denied that his health was in danger, and state media said a wreath in his name was placed at the final resting place of independence hero Jose Marti on a holiday marking Cuba's independence from Spanish colonial rule.

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Washington

Evacuation at presidential daughters' school

The D.C. private school attended by the daughters of President Barack Obama says it briefly evacuated after it received a phone call that it considered suspicious. Sidwell Friends said in a message on its website Thursday afternoon that students and teachers returned to class after law enforcement determined there was no threat. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Connecticut

A bad sign

An 80-year-old U.S. woman has been arrested after tearing down political signs showing an image of President Barack Obama with an Adolf Hitler-style moustache. Nancy Lack tells WVIT-TV she was offended and took down three posters that were hung last week near the post office. Workers for frequent presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche, who were putting up the signs, called police. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama was initial target in foiled bomb plot, police say

Terror sting. Undercover agent posing as jihadist intervenes with FBI team after 21-year-old exposes plan to blow up the Federal Reserve

A Bangladeshi man snared in an FBI terror sting considered targeting President Barack Obama before settling on a car bomb attack on The Federal Reserve in New York City, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The official, who was not authorized to speak publicly about the investigation and talked to the Associated Press on condition of anonymity, stressed that the suspect never got beyond the discussion stage.

In a September meeting with an undercover agent posing as a fellow jihadist, Quazi Mohammad Rezwanul Ahsan Nafis explained he chose the Federal Reserve as his car bomb target "for operational reasons," according to a criminal complaint. Nafis also indicated he knew that choice would "cause a large number of civilian casualties, including women and children," the complaint said. He had also considered the New York Stock Exchange as a target. The bomb was phoney, but authorities alleged that Nafis' admiration of Osama bin Laden and aspirations for martyrdom were not.

FBI agents grabbed the 21-year-old Nafis — armed with a cellphone he believed was rigged as a detonator — after he made several attempts to blow up a fake 1,000-pound bomb inside a vehicle parked next to the Federal Reserve Wednesday in lower Manhattan, the complaint said.

Nafis is a banker's son from a middle class neighbourhood, and family members said Thursday they were stunned by his arrest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quazi Mohammad Rezwanul Ahsan Nafis, inset, was arrested Wednesday in an FBI terror sting. He allegedly considered targeting U.S. President Barack Obama and the New York City Stock Exchange before settling on a car bomb attack on the Federal Reserve, pictured. SETH WENIG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In the name of jihad

- **Charges.** Nafis appeared in federal court in Brooklyn on Wednesday to face charges of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction and attempting to provide material support to al-Qaida. Wearing a brown T-shirt and black jeans, he was ordered held without bail and did not enter a plea. His defence attorney had no comment outside court.

Riversdale Restaurant Guide

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Colombia

Peace talks in Oslo mark the first in 10 years

Colombia's first peace talks in a decade with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, were inaugurated half a world away on Thursday with a demonstration of just how differently the two sides view the nearly half century-old conflict.

The Oslo talks were brief, symbolic, largely perfunctory and held at a secret venue. They lasted seven hours and were followed by word that substantive talks will begin Nov. 15 in the Cuban capital of Havana and will first tackle "comprehensive agrarian development."

The government's lead negotiator, Humberto de la Calle, sought to set a businesslike, cordial tone in brief remarks at a joint news conference. Colombia is a nation of deep social inequalities and rampant human rights violations. It leads the world in union leader killings and has hundreds of thousands of internally displaced people.

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Mars rover

Martian soil has NASA wondering

NASA's Mars rover Curiosity has dug up a mini-mystery for scientists — an odd white fleck that sticks out like a beacon in the reddish soil.

It looks out of place, but scientists said Thursday that it's probably just a different hued bit of Martian soil. Curiosity will use its camera and instruments to try to learn more about what it is.

It is only one millimetre in size and was spotted after the rover used its mechanical scoop to dig up some dust.

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A small pit created by NASA's Mars rover Curiosity.
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Some restaurants asking diners to cut the chatter

Taking on the digital crowd. Owners split over the use of cellphones in their restaurants

The digital divide is wider than ever between diners who talk, tweet and snap pictures mid-meal and those who wish they'd just shut up, shut down and be present.

Caught at the centre of the discord are restaurant owners and chefs, who must walk the careful line of good customer service for both those who dine under the influence of smartphones, and those who won't. But as the devices have morphed into an unrelenting appendage for texting, photography and games, more restaurateurs are challenged to keep the peace.

Owners who once relied mostly on "no cellphones, please" signs, increasingly are experimenting with everything from penalties for using phones, discounts for not and outright bans on photography.

"There's no place to get away from the chatter," said Julie Liberty of Miami, who started the Facebook page Ban Cell Phones From Restaurants earlier this year. "Everything has a soundtrack, including when you go into the ladies room. That's just not right."

Some restaurateurs go with the digital flow. Sarabeth Levine, of New York City-based Sarabeth's, said she's perfectly fine with people chatting, playing games or even taking pictures. It's free advertising, after all.

"I'm happy to have our customers," Levine said. "They come, they tweet, they Facebook, they bring their children. It's high energy to begin with. I mean, people are noisy even in the way they speak today."

Others take a middle ground, like the high-end Washington, D.C., restaurant Rogue 24, where hostesses politely tell guests that if they do take pictures, please do so without a distracting flash.

"I mean you can't fight it," said owner R. J. Cooper. "Why fight a losing battle?"

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A sign at the Hamilton Street Cafe advises customers about the cellphone policy at the restaurant in Albany, N.Y. MIKE GROLL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Scout 'perversion files' made public

Alleged abuse. Nearly 15,000 pages of documented sex abuse allegations involving the scouts were released Thursday

U.S. Boy Scout leaders, police officials, prosecutors and mayors helped hush up numerous child sex abuse allegations against scoutmasters and other volunteers, according to details in a trove of nearly 15,000 pages of so-called "perversion files" compiled by the Scouts from 1959 to the mid-1980s.

Portland attorney Kelly Clark released the files on Thursday online.

The Associated Press obtained copies of the files weeks in advance and conducted an extensive review of them.

The files document allegations of sex abuse by Scouting volunteers across the country. The Scouts have been collecting the documents since the early 1900s and continue to do so.

At a news conference, Clark blasted the Boy Scouts for their continuing legal battles to try to keep the full collection of files secret.

"You do not keep secrets hidden about dangers to children," said Clark, who in 2010 won a landmark lawsuit against the Boy Scouts on behalf of a plaintiff who was molested by an assistant scoutmaster in the 1980s.

Clark's colleague, Paul Mones, said the files in the Portland case represent "the pain and anguish of thousands of Scouts" who were abused by Scout leaders.

The two attorneys were releasing all 14,500 documents used in the Portland case at their website: kellyclarkattorney.com .

Clark has been in possession of the files since he represented a Portland man who was abused by his assistant scoutmaster in the 1980s. That lawsuit culminated in a jury finding in his client's favour in 2010.

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Apology. Actress takes back Bernardo tweet that 'crossed that line'

Girls star Lena Dunham is apologizing for making a Paul Bernardo joke on Twitter that drew immediate fire from Canadian fans.

The 26-year-old HBO phenom suggested she and her celebrity friends dress up as Bernardo, Karla Homolka and one of their victims for Halloween.

She said in a tweet to fellow comics Mindy Kaling and B.J. Novak: "You guys go as killer Canadian couple Paul Bernardo & Karla Homolka. I'll be her sister they murdered."

Fans complained online and even the lawyer for Bernardo's victims weighed in when contacted by a Toronto reporter, saying Dunham "crossed that line."

Dunham is now apologizing, saying in a follow-up tweet: "Obviously didn't understand what a painful part of the Canadian identity the Bernardo/Homolka case was."

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Lena Dunham
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Fame Daddy

Sperm bank hoax

A celebrity sperm bank? Maybe not yet. A British television network says it was duped by an actor pretending to be the chief of celebrity paternity service Fame Daddy.

ITV's This Morning program carried an interview Wednesday with a man identified as Dan Richards. He said his company would match women with famous and affluent sperm donors.

On Thursday the network said it had been misled. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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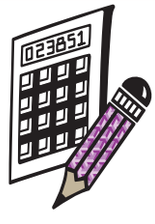

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Giant elk relocated away from hunters

Rancher feared amorous nature. Fear of hunters and close relationship with cow drives giant elk away from B.C. ranch

Somewhere east of this B.C. community wanders an enormous bull elk, stripped of its crown of six-point antlers and a misplaced attraction for one of Greg Messner's cows.

The elk, a loner that had been turning up at the century-old 100 Mile Ranch to check out Messner's herd for three years, was relocated earlier this month for its own safety and for the probity of the cow.

Messner estimated the elk at about six feet tall and four feet wide and weighing about half a tonne.

Quoted

"He had a huge rack, but he was too well-endowed by chromosomes."

Greg Messner, ranch owner

The ranch is bordered by the highway and cars were stopping as passengers tried to get a look at the amorous ungulate, which from time to time would hop from one side of the pasture fence to the other.

Messner said the final straw was when hunters turned up, the lure of a six-point rack potentially dangerously enticing.

The elk was then loaded into a truck and taken about 20 kilometres out of town, towards the mountains.

"I kind of think he will be back next year," said Messner. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A bull elk stands in a field with cows at 100 Mile Ranch in B.C.
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Mississippi community weathers the storm

Tin roofing from a neighbour's shed and concrete steps are all that remain at the site of Gladys Berry's mobile home in Anguilla, Miss., Thursday. The mobile home was tossed about 30 feet from its secured site following a night and early morning of severe weather.
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Unwelcome. Northern Ireland boils with opening of first abortion clinic

A protester outside the Marie Stopes clinic in Belfast, Thursday. PETER MORRISON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The first abortion clinic on the island of Ireland opened Thursday in downtown Belfast, unleashing angry protests on the street and uniting Catholic and Protestant politicians in calls to investigate the new facility.

The clinic, run by the British family planning charity Marie Stopes, will be permitted to provide abortions only in exceptional circumstances to women less than nine weeks pregnant.

But the opening caught Northern Ireland's socially conservative politicians off guard, and they vowed to launch an investigation into how the clinic operates.

Only one of Northern Ireland's 108 legislators, Anna Lo, has expressed support for the clinic. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lethal fungus. Meningitis outbreak in U.S. linked to tainted steroid shots

The fungus found in tainted steroid shots matches the one blamed in the meningitis outbreak that has killed 20 people in the U.S., federal health officials said Thursday.

The match confirms the link between the outbreak and the maker of the steroids, New England Compounding Center of Framingham, Mass. Officials previously said they found fungus in more than 50 unopened vials from the company, but needed more tests to determine the kind of fungus.

The specialty pharmacy has been at the centre of a federal and state investigation into more than 250 fungal meningitis cases. The death toll rose Thursday to 20.

Scope

The initial recall involved about 17,700 vials. As many as 14,000 people got shots from them.

The victims in the outbreak had all received steroid shots made by the pharmacy, mostly to treat back pain. The company last month recalled three lots of the steroid made since May. It later shut down operations and recalled all the medicines it makes.

The fungus was found in one steroid batch made in August, according to the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Edith Windsor, whose suit against the U.S. government led to Thursday's decision, is interviewed at the offices of the New York Civil Liberties Union on Oct. 18. She sued in 2010, having been told to pay $363,053 US in federal estate tax after her partner of 44 years died in 2009. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. court strikes down marriage law

Gay rights. Federal court calls the Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional

Saying the gay population has "suffered a history of discrimination," a divided federal appeals court in Manhattan ruled Thursday that a federal law defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman was unconstitutional, adding fuel to an issue expected to reach the U.S. Supreme Court soon.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals seemed interested in adding its voice to several other rulings already at the high court's doorstep by issuing its 2-to-1 decision only three weeks after hearing arguments on a lower-court judge's findings that the 1996 law was unconstitutional.

In a majority opinion written by Judge Dennis Jacobs, the 2nd Circuit, like a federal appeals court in Boston before it, found no reason the Defense of Marriage Act could be used to deny benefits to married gay couples.

The 2nd Circuit said the law's "classification of same-sex spouses was not substantially related to an important government interest" and thus violated the equal-protection clause of the Constitution.

Judge Chester J. Straub dissented, saying that if the government was to change its understanding of marriage, "I believe it is for the American people to do so."

"Courts should not intervene where there is a robust political debate because doing so poisons the political well, imposing a destructive anti-majoritarian constitutional ruling on a vigorous debate," he said.

The government defended the federal law until President Barack Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder in early 2011 directed attorneys to stop doing so. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

From the ruling

"Homosexuals are not in a position to adequately protect themselves from the discriminatory wishes of the majoritarian public."

Judge Dennis Jacobs in his written decision, commenting on a long history of oppression

Irish judge rules adoption law violates human rights

Unmarried and same-sex couples in Northern Ireland should be allowed to adopt children, a Belfast judge ruled Thursday, rejecting a 1987 adoption law that discriminates against both groups.

Gay-rights activists praised the ruling in favour of a lawsuit pursued by the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission. But Health Minister Edwin Poots, an evangelical Protestant opposed to gay partnerships, said the government would appeal.

"It is my intention to urgently appeal this judgment and I am taking this action with a heavy heart," said Poots, who called the ruling against the best interests of children.

Belfast High Court Justice Seamus Treacy ruled the law clearly violated European human-rights laws on privacy and discrimination.

Other parts of the United Kingdom already permit gay and unmarried heterosexual couples to adopt children. But Northern Ireland's law restricts applicants to married couples.

Northern Ireland's chief commissioner for human rights, Michael O'Flaherty, said that the successful lawsuit "sought to protect the best interests of the child. Given the high numbers of children in care, who need a family in Northern Ireland, the importance of this case in widening the pool of prospective parents cannot be overstated."

More than 2,500 children in Northern Ireland are in state care awaiting adoption.

John O'Doherty, director of a Northern Ireland gay rights group called the Rainbow Project, denounced the government plans to appeal the judgment as "wasting public money on a fool's errand."

He accused Poots of "allowing his personal prejudices to influence his public responsibilities." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In this file photo, pedestrians walk past the Newsweek building in New York. Newsweek announced Thursday that its print edition will be replaced by an all-digital format. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Another one down: Newsweek will end print run on Dec. 31

Publishing. Venerable news mag is switching to digital format; staff cuts are expected

Newsweek will end its print publication after 80 years and shift to an all-digital format in early 2013.

Its last U.S. print edition will be its Dec. 31 issue. The paper version of Newsweek is the latest casualty of a changing world where readers get more of their information from websites, tablets and smartphones. It's also an environment in which advertisers look for less expensive alternatives online.

Newsweeklies have been in an especially tough spot at a time when people don't want to wait a week to read commentary and news digests of big stories, given a flood of instant content available online.

The announcement of the change was made Thursday by Tina Brown, editor-in-chief and founder of The Newsweek Daily Beast Co., and Baba Shetty, its CEO. Job cuts are expected.

"In our judgment, we have reached a tipping point at which we can most efficiently and effectively reach our readers in all-digital format," Brown and Shetty said on The Daily Beast website.

Barry Diller, the head of the company that owns Newsweek, announced in July that the publication was examining its future as a weekly print magazine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Astral. BCE wants Ottawa to overturn CRTC decision

BCE Inc. will call on the federal Cabinet to intervene after the broadcast regulator gave an unequivocal thumbs-down to its takeover of Astral Media on Thursday, declaring in no uncertain terms the $3.4-billion deal was not good for Canadians.

The surprise decision by the CRTC was announced after stock markets closed and marked the first major ruling for newly installed commissioner Jean-Pierre Blais.

Not only did Blais, who took over in late June, turn down one of the biggest takeovers ever submitted to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, he left little doubt about where he stood, or how he would respond should BCE return with a modified but essentially similar proposal.

"This transaction would have resulted in an unprecedented level of concentration in the Canadian marketplace and we had grave concerns that BCE would be able to use its market power in an unfair manner and engage in uncompetitive behaviour," he said.

Bell said late Thursday that it was "shocked" and "appalled" by the decision, adding that it will ask the federal Cabinet to "issue direction to CRTC to follow its own regulatory policy."

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"This is a defining moment for the CRTC. They have stared at Canada's largest corporation and one of the largest deals in Canada and said 'No.'"

Telecom analyst Iain Grant, noting the CRTC hasn't delivered a ruling of this magnitude since 1992, when it approved competition for long-distance calling

Market Minute

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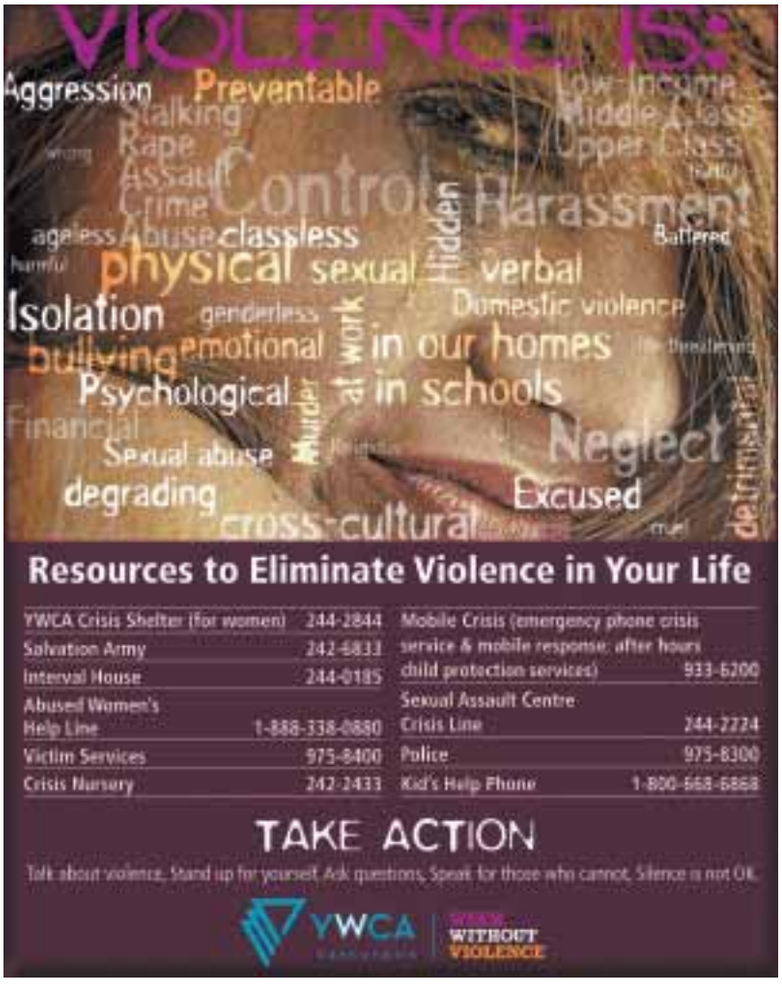

Arbiters of cool

U.K. appeal court agrees iPad is hipper than Samsung tablet

Britain's Court of Appeal has affirmed a lower-court ruling that Samsung's Galaxy tablet computer is "not as cool" as Apple's iPad and therefore doesn't infringe Apple's rights.

The issue in the case was whether Samsung infringed on the design that Apple registered in 2004.

The lower court in July had declared Samsung's Galaxy computers "do not have the same understated and extreme simplicity which is possessed by the Apple design. They are not as cool."

In their ruling Thursday, all three justices who heard the appeal ordered Apple to publicize the court rulings to "dispel commercial uncertainty," and make sure consumers are not biased against Samsung.

Judge Robin Jacob wrote in the unanimous opinion: "The acknowledgement must come from the horse's mouth. Nothing short of that will be sure to do the job completely."

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Wind-farm project

Chinese firm accuses Obama of discrimination

The Chinese company suing President Obama for blocking its planned wind-farm projects in Oregon accused the U.S. leader and his government of discrimination on Thursday and warned the case would deter Chinese investment in the United States.

Last month, Obama blocked Ralls Corp.'s plan to build four wind farms near a U.S. Navy base, after the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States concluded it posed security risks.

It was the first time a U.S. president stepped in to halt such a foreign business deal for national security reasons since 1990, when President George H.W. Bush scuttled the sale of a manufacturer to a Chinese agency.

Chinese construction machinery giant Sany denied that the project posed security risks and said U.S. officials were discriminating against the company because it was Chinese.

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South Africa mining strikes take toll on output

Miners sing during their strike at the AngloGold Ashanti Mine in Fochville near Johannesburg, South Africa, on Thursday. Strike action in gold and platinum mines cost the country about 4.5 billion rand (more than $510 million) in lost output through mid-September, President Jacob Zuma told a meeting of businessmen in Johannesburg last week.

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SPACE JUMP IS PRETTY DOPE

THE LIST
Paul Sullivan
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Worried that you've missed the week's big news and you're feeling inadequate around the water cooler? Fear not! You've come to the right place: The Metro List, where the news lives.

1 **Felix Baumgartner.** I double-dog dare ya to climb 38 kilometres in a balloon, open the hatch and then jump out. No problem, says the Austrian daredevil, who broke the sound barrier while he was at it. Then he opened his parachute and hit the ground walking. Baumgartner says his daredevil days are done, but wasn't it another Austrian guy who said, "I'll be back"?

2 **On the other hand.** Lance Armstrong won't work in this town — or any other — again. His main sponsor, Nike, abandoned him after the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency released testimony from 11 of his former teammates, who claimed they helped him ride to seven tainted Tour de France victories. But Nike still endorses Michael Vick and Kobe Bryant, a dog killer and a man who was once accused of rape, respectively. Oh well, at least they didn't take banned substances to give themselves an unfair advantage ... right?

3 **The saddest story.** Teenager Amanda Todd went looking for love in all the wrong places, i.e. the Internet, and was hounded by the fallout until she killed herself. Before she did, she recorded a haunting video and released it on … the Internet, possibly hoping for some kind of cyber-vindication. You'd like to think her tormentors learned their lesson, but some were still online bullying her memory this week. There's enough bitter irony in this one story to last a lifetime.

4 **Hot enough for you?** By you, I mean climate-change denier, you. September was the hottest ever. In the world. If that's not enough, it was the 331st straight month with above-average temperatures. Anyone who continues to think this global-warming stuff is a hoax reminds me of that lobster sitting in a nice warm bath, and he's starting to turn pink.

5 **Rock 'em sock 'em NHL labour negotiations.** The NHL offers to share revenue 50-50 with the players, but the boys are still young enough to be able to read the fine print on the offer, so this thing ain't settled yet. But at least they're getting down to it. Timing is interesting. For most of the players, this is their first week without a paycheque. Whoa, dude.

6 **Then there's this elk.** This is not a joke. We repeat, this is not a joke. An elk has spent the last three years mooning (moo-ing?) over a herd of cows in the B.C. Interior. This year, well, he leapt the fence. Conservation officers caught him, tranquilized him and — the final indignity — sawed off his six-point antlers (safety measure), then let him go, far from the madding cows.

Felix Baumgartner, of Austria, jumps out of his capsule during his final manned flight last Sunday. The death-defying jump from a balloon 38 kilometres above Earth yielded important information about the punishing effects of extreme speed and altitude on the human body — insights that could inform space development. RED BULL STRATOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Penguin picture wins top award

PAUL NICKLEN/VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR 2012

Wildlife photography

Canadian earns global recognition

A photo titled Bubble-Jetting Emperors by Canadian photographer Paul Nicklen has won the globally-acclaimed Veolia Environnement Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition. This image of the chaotic underwater world of emperor penguins at the edge of the Ross Sea, in Antarctica, beat more than 48,000 entries from 98 countries to claim the prize. METRO

Photographer's viewpoint

"The penguins definitely fed off my energy. But I was lucky as I was almost killed by a deadly leopard seal the previous day!"

Paul Nicklen, speaking to Metro about how perilous the life of a wildlife photographer can be.

Story behind photo

Nicklen describes how he took photo

For the image, Nicklen stayed motionless, waiting for the penguins. Suddenly the birds blasted up from the depths and, with frozen fingers, Paul captured this incredible image. "It was a fantastic sight," Nicklen said. "Hundreds launched themselves out of the water and onto the ice above me. It was a moment that I felt incredibly fortunate to witness and one I'll never forget." METRO

Other winner

Bird vs. airplane captures prize

Teenage amateur photographer Owen Hearn (U.K.) won the overall award for under-17s with his image of a red kite bird of prey and an airplane captured on his grandparents' farm.

"With the bird and plane, you can see the connection between nature and humans," Hearn told Metro. "The life of these birds is decided by how far we develop and encroach into their environment." METRO

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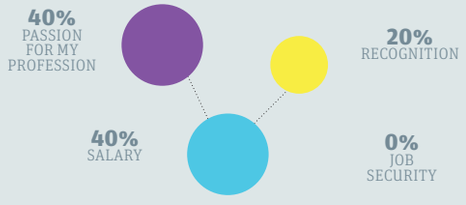

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@saskatoonjay: Having supper at @amigossk tonight. Really just hoping to see the @KarpinkaBros soundcheck. #yxe

@jmxpin: Looking up good winter looks. LOL who am I kidding, you can't survive #saskatchewan winters unless you look like a burrito. #yxe

@Robeertson: Too much blood in my liquor stream. Who wants to rock an roll? #saskatoon

@Aliciaabiebs: Talking about Tuesday night!!! Best night of my life <3 #believet-our #saskatoon @justinbieber

@haleylinski: here comes a long day of cuddles with the girls @DarrienCantelo @chellybellee @Cassidygrace2 #saskatoon #roadies

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Ginger Snaps (from 2000) is a teenage female coming-of-age story couched in werewolf lore. TORSTAR ARCHIVE

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Hair-raising films for the Halloween season

Frightful fare. The Reel Guys talk about the films that give them the creeps

Richard: Mark, I'm a fan of old school horror. Not Freddy and Jason, or even b-movies like The Astounding She-Monster, but the kind of thing that gave my grandmother nightmares, Dracula, Frankenstein and the Mummy. I love the Universal creature features, so the new one-stop-shopping Classic Monsters Collection Blu Ray has enough to keep me busy until Halloween. Eight monsters! Nine movies! Twelve hours of extras! What keeps you up at night?

Mark: My mortgage, Richard. As far as scary movies go, I have to confess I'm one tough cookie — it's pretty hard to scare me. If there's just a tiny note of humour, I can't take the flick seriously. And I don't believe in monsters, vampires, or ghosts. But what does scare me is the horror of people behaving very, very badly — anything to do with psychopaths gives me the creepy-crawlies. I'm thinking of Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer, In the Light of the Moon (the Ed Gein biopic), Monster (Aileen Wuornos) or the long list of fictional serial killer movies — Se7en, American Psycho, Silence of the Lambs. Quite an impressive sub-genre when you think about it.

RC: In Cold Blood always freaks me out. It's not a horror film in the traditional sense, but because it's a true story of a senseless murder it sends shivers down my spine… and elsewhere. I usually stick to monster movies, because I'm petty sure a werewolf isn't going to attack me on the walk home. Two werewolf faves are Cure of the Werewolf with Oliver Reed and Ginger Snaps, which takes a bite out of the usual lycanthrope myth, spinning it as a teenage girl coming-of-age story. Are there any fictional creatures that get to you?

MB: Well I wouldn't want to meet Leatherface in a dark alley; in fact, I wouldn't want to meet him at the Four Seasons for smart drinks either. But one kind of horror film that does creep me out is the "home invasion" movie. I'm thinking of Funny Games (both European and U.S. versions), The Strangers, even the paint-by-numbers Nic Cage vehicle Trespass gets under my skin. Because this stuff actually happens, y'know?

Boo

Anyone looking to have the hairs on the back of their necks raised this month won't have trouble finding something to do the trick. Silent Hill: Revelation, Sinister and Paranormal Activity 4 (is it four times scarier than the first one?) are all in theatres, but the Reel Guys have some other tinglers you may not have considered.

RC: Yeah, perhaps I'm more just escapist in my taste of creepy movies. I'm not drawn to true horrific crime unless the criminal is the Creature from the Black Lagoon.

MB: Now that's one home invasion I'd like to see. But I wouldn't want to clean up afterwards.

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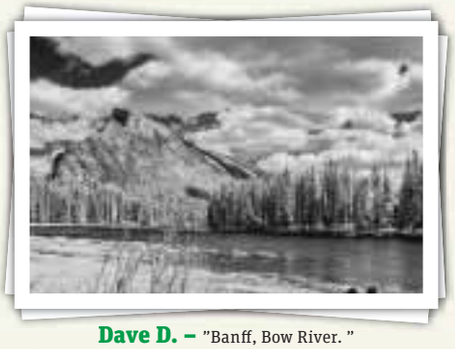
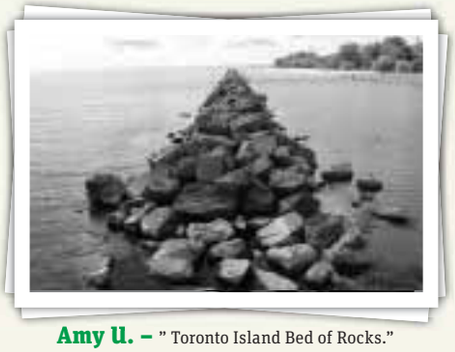
Denis A. – "Botanic Garden Montréal"



Dave D. – "Banff, Bow River. "



Amy U. – " Toronto Island Bed of Rocks."

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Horror

Paranormal Activity 4

Director. Henry Joost, Ariel Schulman

Stars. Stephen Dunham, Katie Featherston, Kathryn Newton, Alexondra Lee

Paranormal Activity fans (or what's left of you) are in for the same ride as usual, but this one should have never started. The fourth installment in the franchise offers viewers the same predictable thrills and a weak storyline that is all too familiar. This series started off strong, as the first film explored new territory in the horror genre and went on to be considered one of the scariest movies of all time. Unfortunately there is nothing left to squeeze out of this story. **OLIVIA MORROW**

Crime

Alex Cross

Director. Rob Cohen

Stars. Tyler Perry, Matthew Fox, Rachel Nichols

Tyler Perry is the new Alex Cross, stepping into the role Morgan Freeman made famous in Kiss the Girls. In this new thriller the detective underestimates a serial killer (a skeletal Matthew Fox) and that rare mistake in judgment ends up changing his life. The problems here are many, starting with a TV movie-ready script. The only unused cliché is, "Just the facts, ma'am," but, I'm sure screenwriters are already crafting that line into Alex Cross 2: My Name's Not Madea. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Documentary

Hellbound?

Director. Kevin Miller

The question of where we go when we die — if we've been bad — is parsed in Kevin Miller's intriguing but ultimately frustrating Hellbound? By interviewing a wide range of theologians reaping disparate positions, Miller creates an impression of balance, but the film proceeds from a basic assumption of belief on behalf of the viewer — a position that may limit its appeal. It also doesn't help that Miller uses 9/11 and Ground Zero as a shortcut to the emotions this otherwise talky and at times downright abstract documentary can't quite access. **ADAM NAYMAN**

Future of film

Bond, 3D Bond?

Celebrating his 50th birthday, James Bond has been learning some new tricks — but 3D isn't one of them.

Producers of the spy franchise say they have no interest in making a Bond film in 3D.

The upcoming Skyfall is the first Bond film to be released since Avatar made 3D a common and often lucrative practice for blockbusters.

"3D is fantastic for the right material, but we're not sure Bond is the right way to go," said Skyfall producer Barbara Broccoli in a recent interview.

"With our movies, there's a lot of challenges to 3D, particularly when you've got a lot of action and a lot of quick cutting."

Broccoli and her half-brother Michael G. Wilson have shepherded the last seven Bond films, preserving the franchise as a family business.

Skyfall, premieres next week in the U.K. and opens Nov. 9 in the U.S. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Seven Psychopaths (18A) Fri 4:25-7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:25-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:25
Sinister (14A) Fri 5-7:35-10:20 Sat-Sun 2:20-5-7:35-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:55
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Roxy Theatre
320 20th St West, 306-955-8642

Buffalo: A Memorial (STC) Tue 9
The Master (14A) Fri 9 Sat 2-9 Mon 9 Wed-Thu 9
Robot & Frank (PG) Fri 7:10 Sat 1-5:30-7:10 Sun 1-5:30 Mon-Thu 7:10
Samsara (G) Fri 7-9:10 Sat-Sun 3-7-9:10 Mon-Thu 7-9:10

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The Centre at Circle & 8th, 306-955-8642

The Bourne Legacy (PG) Fri-Thu 6:50-9:40
Brave (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7-9:30
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10-7:30
The Expendables 2 (14A) Fri-Thu 7:20-9:55
Ice Age: Continental Drift (G) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:30
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) Fri-Thu 2-4:40
Magic Mike (14A) Fri-Thu 7:10-9:45
The Odd Life of Timothy Green (G) Fri-Wed 1:10-4:05 Thu 4:05
ParaNorman (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:15
Ted (14A) Fri-Thu 7:40-10
The Wiggles Big Birthday! (STC) Sat 10

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Chelsea Handler ALL PHOTOS GETTY

Paris Hilton? I couldn't Handler on my show, says host Chelsea

Chelsea Handler has had all sorts of guests on her talk show, but she has to draw the line somewhere. When asked by Access Hollywood if there's anyone she would never have on Chelsea Lately, the host says, "Well, probably Paris Hilton or something. She hasn't begged (to come on), but I mean, I can't look at her. She's like the worst." Handler also shoots down the idea of ever interviewing Dina or Michael Lohan, the headline-grabbing parents of troubled actress Lindsay Lohan. "No, I can't talk to them," Handler says.

Quoted

"I can't look at her. She's like the worst."

Talkshow host Chelsea Handler
When asked who she would never have on her show Chelsea Lately.

Jennifer Aniston

Aniston praises fiancé Justin Theroux for 'sneakiest' proposal job

Jennifer Aniston gives fiancé Justin Theroux high marks for secrecy in the lead-up to his popping the question. "The proposal was one of the sneakiest jobs I've ever seen," Aniston tells People magazine. "I had no idea." The actress also has no idea what she'll be wearing for her big day, but she knows it won't be anything to experimental. "A bride should look like herself," Aniston says. "If you try something new, you'll feel uncomfortable."

The Word

Kutcher tops TV wage stack with $24M pay packet

THE WORD
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Here's a little perspective to kick off your weekend: Ashton Kutcher is not only having sexual relations with Mila Kunis but he's also pulling in a whopping $24 million a year.

So even though Kutcher is the butt of many jokes, maybe he's having the last laugh? According to a new article in Forbes, the Two and a Half Men star earned that huge salary courtesy of his starring role on the top-rated sitcom, Two and a Half Men (his tech investments also helped).

Following Kutcher were Hugh Laurie and Ray Romano, tied for second place at $18 million thanks to the syndication of House and Everybody Loves Raymond. Next: Alec Baldwin of 30 Rock and Mark Harmon of NCIS in another tie at $15 million a year, followed by Tim Allen, star of Last Man Standing, at $14 million.

Sadly, Jon Cryer, who always played second financial fiddle to Charlie Sheen on Men, is still losing out to his more handsome coworker and is only bringing in $13 million. One day the nerds will rise, Cryer, and you will have your due.

Katy Perry

Perry's brother admits Mayer isn't Katy's 'one'

Katy Perry may be enjoying her time with John Mayer — this week, at least — but Perry's brother, David Hudson, doesn't think the Teenage Dream singer has met "the one" yet. "She deserves a true gentleman, and I don't think she's found that," Hudson says, according to Hollyscoop, adding that Perry doesn't "necessarily (need a guy) in the business, just someone that's really got something impressive." Of course, just because her brother isn't happy about her current boyfriend doesn't mean she'll take any of his advice. "She shrugs it off because she's her own person," Hudson admits.

Megan Fox

Fox welcomes her baby boy into the world

Megan Fox gave birth to a baby boy last month, according to E! News, keeping mum about the arrival. Fox and husband Brian Austin Green welcomed son Noah Shannon Green on Sept. 27, a first for the couple. Green also has a 10-year-old son, Kassius, from a previous relationship. An already pregnant Fox told Cosmopolitan magazine in April that she's "always been maternal" and wants "at least two, probably three kids."

Twitter

@MissKellyO
Sun screen in the eye is not fun! #It's burning

@Ellen Page
Don't COUNT your chickens before they hatch? What? No. Don't JUGGLE them.

@SethMacFarlane
There's a special variety of panic that only comes from hearing a cat make that "unk", "unk", "unk" sound before a carpet puke.

@ConanOBrien
The History Channel used to be cool, but they're just stuck in the past.

A GOOD TIME, YOUR WAY

SOMETHING FOR ALL AT SPECKLEBELLY'S

Specklebelly's Brew Pub is only 10 years old, but its roots in Saskatoon feel deeper. Everybody knows it's the place you go to have a good time, your way.

It's the pub you visit during the week to unwind. A warm space detailed with red brick and wood, Specklebelly's shows your favourite sports on more than a dozen TVs. It plays your favourite rock and top-40 hits on its jukebox, and offers a pair of pool tables you can rack up with friends. It has an outdoor patio, too, so you can enjoy a beer and conversation in the open air. It's the perfect antidote to a long day.

Specklebelly's is also the place you go to party on Thursday and Friday nights, with a live DJ and dance floor set aside just for you. Specklebelly's can seat up to 240 guests, with a mix of booths and freestanding tables that make it easy to mingle. And its beverages are some of the best: Including a wide selection of cocktails, highballs and liquors, plus 23 beers on tap — three of them brewed in-house.

If you're new to Saskatoon, you might wonder at the name. But anyone who grew up here understands it — "Specklebelly's" refers to the geese so closely associated with this province. The pub's train logo is another shout-out to local culture. Located in Saskatoon's historic Sutherland neighbourhood, Specklebelly's isn't far from the Canadian Pacific Railway yards and station that helped build this city into the commercial and cultural centre it is today.

When you drop in for a beer or a bite at Specklebelly's, you're celebrating more than one good evening or special event. You're celebrating Saskatoon itself.

WHERE IS IT?

Specklebelly's Brew Pub is located at 900 Central Ave., in Saskatoon's Sutherland neighbourhood, easily accessible by car or public transit. With 23 beers on tap and seating for 240 guests, it's ready and waiting to serve you.

Visiting Specklebelly's can be a fine-dining experience, as well as a fine-drinking one. The pub shares its building space with the Athena Family Restaurant, an establishment that has served Canadian, Greek, and Mediterranean food to Saskatonians for more than 25 years. Specklebelly's popular craft beers are available at Athena, too, always on tap.

To make a reservation for you and your friends at Specklebelly's Brew Pub, call 306-249-0900. You can learn more about the pub and the beers it brews by visiting specklebellys.com, "liking" the pub's Facebook page, and by following it on Twitter at @SpecklebellysCo.

A TRADITION OF BEER-BREWING EXCELLENCE AT PUB

When the pub at 900 Central Ave. became Specklebelly's in 2002, it began a tradition of beer-brewing excellence. The philosophy there was simple: Don't brew average beer.

Specklebelly's never has. Today, it brews and sells three craft beers of the highest quality — each inspired by the history of Saskatoon and the tastes of this city's residents. Visit the pub and you can try all three, on tap, the way they were meant to be tasted.

Specklebelly's Hogger Ale is a medium-bodied, refreshing beer; slightly hoppy. With a subtle sweetness and crisp finish, it's the perfect match for salads, fresh berries, or poultry.

Why the name? Hogger is another name for a railroad engineer — it's a term that goes back many years, to the hot and dirty days of steam, when trains were referred to as "hogs." Keeping those steam engines running on time and in good working order was a gruelling job, and Hogger's Ale is a fitting tribute to the hoggers' efforts. What better way to celebrate these men than by raising a cold glass of beer that they would be proud to drink themselves?

CAN'T MAKE IT?

Specklebelly's will come to you. The pub's onsite beer store delivers a wide variety of beers and wines right to your door. And unlike many competitors, Specklebelly's can deliver it ice cold.

To order today, call 306-249-0900.

Cinder Dick Raspberry Ale has a name — and flavour — you won't forget. Reddish-pink, Cinder Dick offers a balanced taste of fruit and hops, suitable for pairing with summer salads or poultry. You will already be enjoying this beer's delicate aroma by the time you take your first sip.

Just who were the cinder dicks? They were police detectives who patrolled the rail lines in towns like Saskatoon. The name comes from part of their beat: The railroad ballast rock, known as a "cinder."

Hammer Head Red rolls off the tongue in more ways than one. This amber ale, deep red in colour, starts out malty sweet and finishes smooth and hoppy. It's a great pairing with barbecued meats or spicy food.

Hammer Head Red takes its name from the GE Hammerhead, a locomotive with winged radiators. The Hammerhead can pull an impressive load across the Saskatchewan prairie, and after a hard day's work of your own, you will have earned a Hammer Head Red as your reward.

Specklebelly's craft beers are a taste of Saskatoon's past, and its future. Watch for more new brews in the coming months.

PADDOCK WOOD TAKES PRIDE IN ITS BEER

BREWER CRAFTS ARTISAN BEERS

Have you had real beer? Don't be so sure.

"Most well-known North American brewers use a lot of corn in the production process," says Steve Cavan, master brewer. "It spreads out the mash, making the beer cheaper to produce. But it also radically compromises flavour. Chemicals are needed to enhance appearance and taste. To me, that's not real beer."

What's real to Cavan is Paddock Wood Brewing Co.'s line of craft-brewed beers, regular brews and seasonals. These are artisan beers: Brewed from only water, yeast, malted barley, and hops. His team takes pride in brewing quality beers that are true to authentic styles.

The company's most popular offering is its 606 India Pale Ale. "Not every beer with 'India pale ale' on the label really is an India pale ale," says Cavan. "But this one is authentic. The 606 has a solid malt background with a lot of hops. It's great on its own, or as a complement to spicy food."

Paddock Wood beers can be found bottled and on tap in drinking establishments and beer stores across the country.

If you are in Saskatoon, try tasting one at The Woods Alehouse, which offers everything Paddock Wood brews, plus an upscale menu that goes well beyond typical pub food. Pair your favorite Paddock Wood beer with options like Dutch Mustard Soup, a Pulled Lamb Sandwich, Puttanessca, or even a Beer Brûlée.

The brewery's seasonal beers express a range of flavours and styles, embodying the seasons in which they are made. The upcoming Winter Ale, a soft Belgian Double with elements of candied sugar, dark fruits and subtle spices, pairs well with holiday dishes, and is a perfect beer for colder weather. The Winter Ale will be on sale mid-November at SLGA stores, various restaurants and bars in Saskatoon and Regina, at The Woods Alehouse, and at the brewery itself.

If you can't wait, stop in at the brewery for a tour. Taste something fresh from the Growler taps, or ask about the one-off "Oaky Loki." Best of all, learn first-hand about the great craft brewed beers being produced right here in Saskatoon. You'll see why Steve Cavan is so proud of them.

MORE ONLINE

The Woods Alehouse is located at 148 2nd Ave. N., and can be reached at 306-652-5883. To learn more about Paddock Wood Brewing Co.'s selection of products, phone 306-477-5632 or visit paddockwood.com.

You can also find them on Facebook at facebook.com/paddockwood, and on Twitter at @paddock_wood.

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— Sneak Peak at the Menu! —

Paddock Wood's Own Pale Ale and Four Cheese Fondue – served with fresh bread for dipping

Dutch Mustard Soup - A traditional soup with grainy Dijon mustard, crème fraîche, green onion and crisp bacon

Fresh Pretzels - Baked in house, with a side of Dijon mustard

Pulled Lamb Sandwich - Lamb leg braised overnight with mint and mustard aioli and micro greens on a sourdough loaf

Beer Brulee - The Wood's twist on a classic dessert. Made with Paddock Wood's own Beer

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Liquid Assets

Spicy side of your cocktail

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When you grow up in Nova Scotia, like I did, it's a given that your first taste of spirits will come from the fountain of rum. Not just any rum, I'm talking black rum. Jet black rum.

It's the kind of tipple that grows hair on your chest and offers you memories to last a lifetime (along with some you wish to forget).

Sadly, most everywhere else in Canada rum isn't held in such high esteem — proving a favourite of Johnny Depp wannabes and those who find a popular cola brand the ultimate cocktail mix.

While I'm cool with that, there is a certain "je ne sais quoi" to rum that appeals to the pirate in all of us. That said, a glass of rum's 21st century persona is less yo-ho-ho and way more spice — which is opening liquor cabinet doors across the country.

The Kraken Black Spiced ($27.99 - $32.99) is the epitome of dark rum's new personality. Inky black, rich and spicy, it drinks as well over ice as it does blended into any rum-based concoction.

Plus, packaging fans will love the bottles two-handled grip and the menacing giant squid on the label.

PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

The spice route

This time of the year always sees us returning to the foods that we know and love — pies, soups and stews. Bal Arneson of the Food Network's Spice Goddess, tells us how to remake our favourites.

DAN CLAPSON

Bal Arneson, cookbook author and Food Network Canada personality, is definitely one lady who knows her spices. You can watch her reinventing delicious dishes on her popular show, Spice Goddess, as well as a resident judge on Shaw's new cooking series, Cooking with Fire. Here's how Arneson uses Indian spices at home to transform some traditional autumn staples…

Cranberry Sauce

"Fennel seeds, a full, heaping tablespoon. Every time you're taking a bite, you'll get a burst of licorice flavour in your mouth. It's just perfect!"

DAN CLAPSON

Hot Chocolate

"A pinch of clove will give it a nice, fresh flavour. Clove is so strong, so just a tiny, tiny pinch! And, a pinch of cardamon on top of the whipped cream."

Apple Pie

"When I mix my apples (for the pie), I always add green cardamon seeds. The seeds have a nice floral flavour. Once you try it with the cardamon, you can never go back to the regular apple pie!"

Beef Roast

"Garam Masala! It's a powder and my go-to spice! I make my own garam masala…cumin, cardamon, clove, coriander, curry leaf, bay leave, mustard seeds. Add it in along with your regular dry spice rub."

Butternut Squash Soup

"Definitely crushed coriander and cumin seeds. Coriander will give it a nice nutty flavour and the cumin will add a warming feeling to (the soup).

This recipe serves four. SUBMITTED

Curried Pumpkin. Transition the pie staple to something more savoury

"One of my jobs as a child was to remove the seeds from the pumpkin before my mom could cook with it," remembers Bal Arneson.

1. Heat oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. When oil is hot, add onion and ginger and cook for 2 minutes. Stir in tomatoes, fenugreek seeds, garam masala, and salt and cook for 5 minutes.

2. Add pumpkin, vegetable broth and chili to skillet. Bring to boil, then reduce the heat to low. Cook until pumpkin is tender, 18 minutes. Serve over rice.

RECIPE COURTESY OF BAL ARNESON

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp (45 ml) grapeseed oil
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 tsp (5 ml) chopped ginger
- 1 cup (250 ml) finely chopped tomatoes
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) fenugreek seeds
- 1 tsp (5 ml) garam masala
- salt to taste
- 1 lb (500 g) pumpkin, seeded, peeled, and cubed
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) vegetable broth
- 1 green chili, finely sliced

CIS — Canada West

Playoff chase leads Huskies to Edmonton

The University of Saskatchewan Huskies football team is looking to score a playoff spot this weekend in Edmonton.

On Saturday, the Huskies, who are 3-3, will play the University of Alberta Golden Bears (0-6) at 1 p.m. in the Huskies' second-last regular-season game.

To secure a playoff spot the Huskies have to win either both of the final two games or just one if the UBC Thunderbirds (2-4) lose.

If successful, the Huskies will secure a playoff spot for the 12th year in a row.

The game will be available live on CK750 or www.ck750.com. METRO

WHL

Blades look to build on streak in Swift Current

The Saskatoon Blades are riding a three-game winning streak into Swift Current on Friday night for a clash with the Broncos.

The Blades return to Saskatoon to face off against the Everett Silvertips on Saturday night when the team will sport pink jerseys to raise awareness and support for breast cancer.

The jerseys will be auctioned off throughout the game until the third period, when the highest bidders will be announced.

Players will sign the auctioned jerseys, which will also contain the name of season ticket holders' relatives who have suffered from cancer.

On Sunday, the Blades begin a 10-day break that ends on Oct. 30 when they take on the Pats in Regina.
METRO

Junior football

Hilltops, Thunder set for title clash

It's an all-Saskatchewan affair on Sunday at the Prairie Football Conference championships in Saskatoon.

The Saskatoon Hilltops take on the Regina Thunder, who stunned the PFC with a 24-21 upset win over the undefeated Calgary Colts last weekend.

The Hilltops find themselves with a ticket to the championship game after a 42-11 drubbing of the Edmonton Wildcats.

The Prairie Football Conference championship goes on Oct. 21 at Griffiths Stadium in Saskatoon.

Kickoff is at noon.
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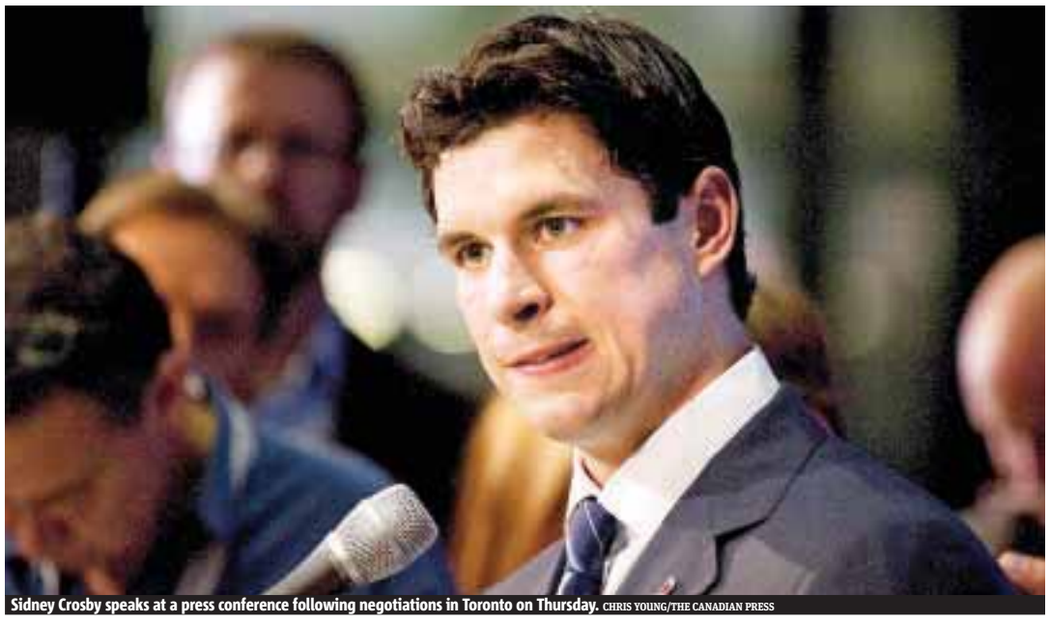
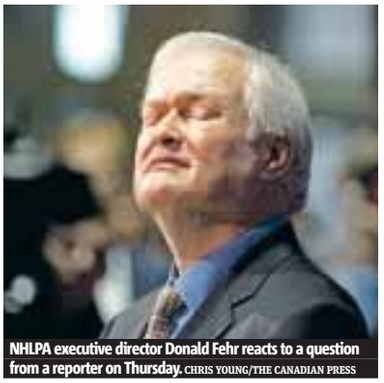


Sidney Crosby speaks at a press conference following negotiations in Toronto on Thursday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gary Bettman during a Thursday afternoon press conference in Toronto. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS



NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr reacts to a question from a reporter on Thursday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'In a nutshell it doesn't look good'

NHL. Union offers fall flat, taking air out of optimism for full season

The NHL labour situation appears grim after an exchange of proposals between the league and the union accomplished little.

The NHL Players' Association rejected an offer from the league that would see revenue split 50-50 between the league and the players.

The union countered with three different proposals, which league commissioner Gary Bettman called "thoroughly disappointing" on Thursday.

"None of the three variations of player share that they gave us even began to approach 50-50, either at all or for some long period of time," Bettman said.

"It's clear we're not speaking the same language."

Union executive director Donald Fehr disagreed, saying two of the proposals would see the players take a fixed amount of revenue, which would turn into an approximate 50-50 split over the term of the deal provided league revenues continued to grow.

The third approach would be a 50-50 split, as long as the league honoured all existing contracts at full value.

The NHLPA showed up to the meeting with a show of force, including star players Sidney Crosby, Jarome Iginla, Jonathan Toews and Eric Staal. Like the leaders of the two sides, the players did not seem optimistic after the afternoon meeting.

"We came in here today with those proposals thinking that we could really make some progress, and to hear those words (from Bettman) kind of shuts it down pretty quickly," Crosby said. "In a nutshell it doesn't look good."

Bettman says the league's proposal is fair and would allow for an 82-game season to start Nov. 2.

But Fehr says the players could sacrifice nearly $1.8 billion in revenue under the league's proposal.

Fehr says concessions made by the players in the last round of bargaining have cost them $3.3 billion over the term of the last agreement. The players currently get 57 per cent of revenues.

"This is not a good day," Fehr said. "It should have been, but it's not."

Bettman said no new talks are immediately scheduled. He said he is still hopeful the league can have a full season, but time is running out.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fallout

Crosby more seriously considering Europe

There was simply no way for Sidney Crosby to hide his disappointment.

Just one week after telling The Canadian Press he was confident a deal could be struck that would save the NHL season, the Pittsburgh Penguins captain acknowledged Thursday that he was going to start looking closer at what options might be available to play in Europe.

"A little harder, yeah," Crosby said. "I think that's something that everyone's got to figure out. You try to figure out where things stand and I don't think they're in a great spot right now."

Cards a win away from World Series

Cardinals centre-fielder Jon Jay, left, reacts after scoring a two-run double in the sixth inning of Game 4 of the National League championship series beside San Francisco Giants first baseman Buster Posey. Adam Wainwright threw seven innings of four-hit ball and the Cardinals roughed up Tim Lincecum and the Giants in an 8-3 rout Thursday night, giving them a 3-1 lead in the series. Go to metronews.ca this weekend for MLB post-season coverage. DAVID J. PHILLIP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tigers put exclamation point on ALCS title

ALCS. Detroit's pitchers keep New York's hitters quiet again as Tigers complete the sweep

Game 4

Tigers	Yankees
8	1

Prince Fielder waved his arms frantically, gleefully calling off his teammates before catching the final out.

From the moment Fielder signed his massive contract in January, an entire city had been waiting for a moment like this.

Max Scherzer capped a stupendous stretch for Detroit's starting rotation, and the Tigers advanced to the World Series, beating the New York Yankees 8-1 Thursday for a four-game sweep of the AL championship series.

Miguel Cabrera and Jhonny Peralta hit two-run homers in a four-run fourth inning against CC Sabathia, who was unable to prevent the Yankees from getting swept in a playoff series for the first time in 32 years.

"Yeah, we did it," Cabrera said. "It's an unbelievable feeling.... Four more wins, guys. Four more wins."

Scherzer took a no-hit bid into the sixth against a Yankees team that hit .188 in the post-season and .157 in the LCS. New York went quietly in the ninth inning, the last three batters shut down in order.

Detroit won its 11th American League pennant and first since 2006. The Tigers have five days off before the World Series starts Wednesday at defending champion St. Louis or 2010 winner San Francisco.

Tigers designated hitter Delmon Young was selected MVP of the series. He batted .353 with two homers and six RBIs.

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No playoff regrets in Riderville ... yet

CFL EXTRA POINTS
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Roughriders can't deny what could have been; Burris looking with longing at Stampeders sideline; No delicate way to discuss fragile Pierce's future

Photos by The Canadian Press/Torstar News Service/Getty Images

Tough road ahead for Roughriders

Head coach Corey Chamblin tried putting a positive spin on last week's loss in Edmonton, where they squandered a shot at hosting a playoff game in November (which would have greatly improved their chances of advancing). Instead, the Green Machine has lost the season series to both Calgary and Edmonton and now faces a tough stretch with games against Montreal (Saturday), Toronto and B.C. to end the season.

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First thing's first for ailing Alouettes

You always want to clinch a playoff spot as early as possible, providing an opportunity for key players to rest before the playoffs. The Alouettes know this only too well. Montreal requires just one win to secure first place in the East, but are without running back Victor Anderson, receiver S.J. Green, and kick returner Trent Guy.

A real Argos head scratcher

Argos head coach Scott Milanovich needs to be wary of pushing QB Ricky Ray back into action after missing three games with a knee injury. The Argos are unlikely to catch the first-place Alouettes with just three games remaining, so why risk losing your most important player prior to the playoffs?

4

Burris to get first-hand look at missed chance in Calgary

It's strange to think that had QB Henry Burris accepted a demotion this season with the Stamps, he could have been at the controls of Calgary's offence Friday night in place of injured Drew Tate. Instead, Burris is leading the visiting Hamilton Tiger-Cats against Kevin Glenn, who has been solid as Tate's replacement.

Reaching boiling point in B.C.?

Lions GM Wally Buono says he "hates Twitter and Facebook" and for very good reason. Buono would like to be able to control his players on and off the field, but is helpless when the likes of Lions defensive lineman Khalif Mitchell uses social media to publicize his ignorance as he did this week by making a racial slur.

5

Only a matter of time for Pierce

This is getting hard to watch. Now that fragile QB Buck Pierce has been cleared by team doctors to play, it's just a matter of time before he becomes seriously injured. Pierce, who missed the last two games with a concussion, has appeared in just five games this year.

CFL. Calvillo can expect cold welcome in Regina

Many Saskatchewan Roughriders were getting acclimatized to Regina's fall weather for the first time at Thursday's practice.

Players were wearing gloves, toques and even balaclavas to stay warm at Mosaic stadium as they prepared to host the Montreal Alouettes on Saturday.

"Surprisingly the guys were really energetic and I was pleased with that," said Riders head coach Corey Chamblin. "You could tell a few of the guys were not pleased with the weather but we all followed through and I was really pleased with the execution."

If the Riders win on Saturday against the Als they will clinch a playoff spot, but before that can happen they need to stop Als veteran quarterback Anthony Calvillo.

"Anthony is not the normal Anthony at the moment, Anthony is a new Anthony," said Chamblin. "He is wise enough to know where to change his game to stay effective."

But Chamblin seemed confident that he had clocked the Als system.

"We can play with them, we just need to know how to line up against them when they are substituting their receivers out for tight ends and their big O-linemen," said Chamblin.

Kickoff is 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Mosaic Stadium.

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CFL

Mitchell slur 'embarrassing' for Lions organization

B.C. Lions general manager Wally Buono says the team and Khalif Mitchell are embarrassed after the defensive lineman posted a racial slur on Twitter earlier this week.

While tweeting about Tuesday's U.S. presidential debate, Mitchell posted a derogatory term toward Chinese. He later apologized for using the word, saying he didn't know it was offensive.

"This is obviously an embarrassing moment for all of us," Buono told reporters Thursday as the Lions held a walk-through ahead of Friday's game against the Eskimos. "I know it is for Khalif. For him, this is not who he wants people to think that he is. You can really sense (his) embarrassment." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
There may be an element of truth in what others are saying about you today, so don't just ignore it. You're not too old to learn and the best kind of learning is the kind that increases your self-awareness.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
A rather tense day is possible and, just this once, you may have no option but to confront someone you don't get along with. Where some issues are concerned, there can be no middle ground. Fight to win.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Daydreaming can be a lot of fun but don't let it keep you from doing what you should be doing. Routine tasks may be boring but they must be done and they must be done well, so get on with it.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Do not be offended if a loved one wants to spend some time alone. They have some serious inner issues to deal with and the only way they can do that is to isolate themselves from outside influences.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
There is no point getting angry about what happens today. All you can do is let fate take its course and hope it leads you somewhere worth going. Don't take your frustrations out on those who care for you.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Give yourself permission to try new things. Don't worry that others might say you are being irresponsible. If you can dream it, you can do it — it's as simple as that. Maybe that's what they are afraid of.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will get the chance to get rid of something that is holding you back from fulfilling your potential. Take it or you may look back in a few weeks and wish you had been a bit more adventurous.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Someone has let you down and your first reaction will be to do something nasty to them in return. If you get into the revenge business, you could start a feud that never ends.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The depth of your feelings may be making you uncomfortable but there is no point pretending they do not exist. No matter how hard you try to deny them, they will bounce back even stronger.

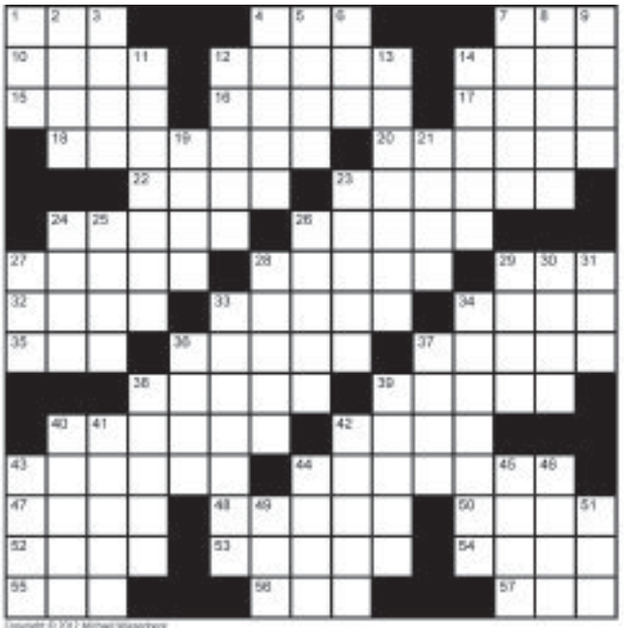
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You won't be pleased if someone treats your concerns in a flippant manner but try not to overreact. When all is said and done, there are more important things on which you should be spending your precious time and energy.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You are a force to be reckoned with and anyone who does not believe that now will be made to believe it when the Sun changes signs on the 23rd. You have big plans, plans that will soon turn into realities.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
No matter how much others may mock your beliefs, you intend to stick with them. Deep down, your critics know they are the ones who are on the wrong track. That's why they think you're so dangerous. The truth hurts. SALLY BROMPTON

A Little French

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



Across
1. Common conjunctions
4. Meadow
7. Morning times, for short
10. Night: Fr.
12. Whole grains add this to a diet
14. *Elizabeth* star Blanchett
15. Nobel peace prize presentation site
16. Brain sections
17. Angel: Fr.
18. Tim ___
20. Margot ___: Yellowknife-born Lois Lane portrayer in four Superman movies
22. Cinnabar and hematite
23. Gasoline units
24. Movie theatres: Fr.
26. Leg: Fr.
27. Robson et Logan, par exemple
28. Birch bark boat
29. Broadcaster based in Toronto
32. River through Florence
33. Nickels-and-___: bothers with trivialities
34. Took care of an IOU
35. ___ and outs
36. Heads: Fr.
37. Ladies: Fr.
38. Bank repositories
39. More adorable
40. Cinnamon and saffron
42. Act a bit vexed
43. BC fisherman's pursuit
44. Fries, cheese, and gravy dish
47. Another word for margarine
48. British spy novelist John Le ___ (*The Spy Who Came in From the Cold*; *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy)* (the pseudonymous last name means "the square" in French)
50. Consumes
52. "Terrible" Russian leader
53. Common form of communication
54. A little tight
55. "Au secours!"
56. CPR expert: initialism
57. Canada's most populous prov.

Down
1. Sean Lennon's mother Yoko
2. Toronto-based "Tom Sawyer" group
3. Farm storage site
4. Vancouver CFL Team
5. Diminishes
6. Exist
7. *Biography* cable channel (3 wds.)
8. Homeowners' loans: abbr.
9. Crystal ball gazer
11. Canada's largest city
12. Floating ice sheets
13. Edmonton's CFL team
14. Core group of trained personnel
19. Very: Fr.
21. "Let ___": Beatles album and song (2 wds.)
23. Country roads
24. Cob covering
25. Overnight stops
26. "Bond, ___ Bond"
27. Après Avril
28. Gives a ticket
29. Arrived
30. Coffin support
31. Audiophile's collection
33. Football side that doesn't have the ball
34. Hamburgers-to-be
36. Mexican restaurant fare
37. Composition for two
38. ___ and Garfunkel
39. Brutal
40. Artillery burst
41. "Guilty" and "not guilty"
42. 'You're asking ___!" (2 wds.)
43. Je ___: I am (in French)
44. Baby buggy, to Brits
45. Small iPod model
46. Vingt- ___: blackjack, from French for "21" (2 wds.)
49. Soul: Fr.
51. Can. Army rank

Yesterday's Crossword

What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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